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SUBJECT: RCA EQUIPMENT INTERESTS IN SYRIA

REF: A. TEHRAN 9897; B. STATE 244151 (NOTAL TEHRAN)

1. APPRECIATE AND LOOK FORWARD RECEIPT OF MATERIAL NOTED
REF A ON SSB RADIO EQUIPMENT. CAN RCA-IRAN SEND US
TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON WHAT EXACTLY IS REQUIRED ON SSB
SPECIFICATIONS. AS RCA MUST BE AWARE, ITS AGENT IN SYRIA,
MOHMOUD EL-YOUSSEF (ALSO TAPLINE TEP), HAS CONTINUED TO
SELL SPARE PARTS FOR RCA EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN SYRIA.
WE BELIEVE RCA IS IN BETTER POSITION THAN WE TO KNOW
WHETHER IT HAS SUBSIDIARY WHICH MAY NOT BE ON BOYCOTT
LIST AS AN RCA SUBSIDIARY AND THEREFORE MAY BE CONSIDERED.

2. REF B: WE ATTEMPTING CONTACT JOSEPH W. MAHER TO RESPOND
TO DEPT'S QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY GIVEN HIS CLAIM THAT SARG
MINDEF PREFERS RCA EQUIPMENT. DEPTTEL IMPLIES RCA HAS NO
AGENT IN SYRIA, ALTHOUGH EL-YOUSSEF AND SYRIAN COMMERCIAL
SOURCES STATE THAT EL-YOUSSEF IS RCA AGENT. CAN RCA
CLARIFY THIS MATTER?
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